

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 5 and 6 are cancelled. Claims 1, 4, 13, 21, 23, 27 and 29 are amended. Claims 1, 2, 4, 11-15, 19-27, 29 and 30 are pending.

The Applicant is appreciative of indication in the Examiner Interview conducted on September 8, 2009, that while Werner and Reifman may discuss temporary storage, Werner and Reifman may not suggest storing messages in a predetermined address of a memory unit by tabling a sequence and the contents of the messages. The Applicant understands that more consideration and/or search may be required.

In addition, the Applicant is appreciative of the indication that Reifman may not specifically disclose printing stored messages after the messages have been stored.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, at page 3, numbered paragraph 5, claims 1-6, 11-15, 19-27, 29 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 10114950 to Goertz Werner ("Werner") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,438,433 to Reifman et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed because the combination of the teachings of Werner and Reifman does not suggest:

storing the received and displayed SMS short messages in a predetermined address of a memory unit of the facsimile machine or the multifunctional device operating in the wired network, by tabling a sequence and the contents of the messages, according to a user selection;

printing the received and stored SMS short messages according to the user selection,

as recited in amended independent claim 1.

Werner discusses receiving a short message SMS by a fax machine FAX, which is processed further in the FAX machine with the help of a Fixed network-SMS-protocol stack implemented in the Fax machine FAX, which is then displayed on a display unit of the fax machine and/or is printed on the paper roll of the fax machine FAX.

Werner does not discuss or suggest that the short message SMS that is received at the fax machine FAX is stored in a predetermined address of a memory unit of the fax machine according to a user's selection by tabling a sequence and the contents of the message. The

Examiner alleges that the SMS messages in Werner must inherently be stored in some kind of memory in a facsimile device. However, such storage appears only to be a temporary storage provided for the display of the messages and does not appear to be storage at a predetermined address of a memory unit by tabling a sequence and the contents of the messages.

Additionally, Werner does not suggest that SMS messages that are received and displayed (i.e., inherently stored in some kind of memory in the facsimile device) are thereafter stored in a predetermined address in a memory unit. Further, Werner does not suggest that the received and displayed messages are stored in the memory unit according to a user's selection.

The Examiner indicates that Reifman makes up for the deficiencies in Werner. The Applicants respectfully disagree.

In Reifman, non-SMS facsimile messages are received and displayed, and a user may print the facsimile message, delete the facsimile message or save the facsimile message that is displayed.

However, the present invention of claim 1, for example, recites that the facsimile messages that have been received and stored according to a user's selection are printed and thereafter deleted. Thus, while Reifman discusses that received and displayed messages, which may be temporarily stored in some kind of memory of the facsimile device, but which have not been stored in a predetermined address of a memory unit by tabling a sequence and contents of the messages, according to a user's selection, are thereafter printed, Reifman does not suggest that the received and displayed messages are first stored in accordance with a user's selection and then printed. Reifman discusses that the displayed messages may be either printed, deleted or saved (i.e., stored). However, Reifman does not suggest that once the received and displayed messages are stored according to a user selection, then the messages are printed and then optionally deleted.

Reifman does not suggest printing only the messages that are stored in the predetermined address of a memory unit of the facsimile machine according to a user selection.

In contrast, as discussed at paragraph 0007 of the present specification, the SMS short messages are displayed on a display window, selectively stored, printed and deleted, such that an area occupied by the SMS short messages in a memory unit can be minimized, a waste of resources can be eliminated and the SMS short messages can be managed in a document format. By saving the SMS short messages to a memory unit according to a user selection after

they have been received and displayed, the short messages can be managed in a document format.

Therefore, as the combination of the teachings of Werner and Reifman does not suggest “storing the received and displayed SMS short messages in a predetermined address of a memory unit of the facsimile machine or the multifunctional device operating in the wired network, by tabling a sequence and the contents of the messages, according to a user selection; printing the received SMS short messages according to the user selection; and deleting the printed SMS short messages according to the user selection after the printing,” as recited in amended independent claim 1, claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Also, the combination of the teachings of Werner and Reifman does not suggest “storing the received and displayed SMS short messages in a predetermined address of a memory unit of the facsimile machine or the multifunctional device operating in the wired network, by tabling a sequence and the contents of the messages, according to a user selection; and printing the stored SMS short messages according to the user selection,” as recited in amended independent claim 13. Thus, claim 13 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Further, the combination of the teachings of Werner and Reifman does not suggest “storing the received and displayed SMS short messages in a predetermined address of a memory unit of the printing apparatus operating in the wired network by tabling a sequence and the contents of the messages, and printing the received and stored SMS short messages,” as recited in amended independent claim 21. Thus, claim 21 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

In addition, the combination of the teachings of Werner and Reifman does not suggest “an SMS interface...storing the received and displayed SMS short messages in a predetermined address of a memory unit of the printing apparatus operating in the wired network, by tabling a sequence and the contents of the messages, according to a user selection; [and] a printer printing the received and stored SMS short messages according to the user selection,” as recited in amended independent claim 23. Thus, claim 23 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Additionally, the combination of the teachings of Werner and Reifman does not suggest "a programmed computer processor according to a user selection...storing the displayed SMS short messages through a wired network from the SMS center in a predetermined address of a memory unit of the printing device operating in the wired network by tabling a sequence and the contents of the messages, selectively providing the received SMS short messages, and printing the stored SMS messages according to the user selection to allow managing the received SMS short messages in a document format," as recited in amended independent claim 27. Thus, claim 27 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Further, the combination of the teachings of Werner and Reifman does not suggest "storing the received and displayed SMS short messages in a predetermined address of a memory unit of the facsimile machine or the multifunctional device operating in the wired network, by tabling a sequence and the contents of the messages, according to a user selection; and printing the received and stored SMS short messages according to the user selection," as recited in amended independent claim 29. Thus, claim 29 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 5 and 6 are amended. Claims 2, 4, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 24-26 and 30 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 13, 21, 23, 27 and 29 and include all the features of their respective independent claims, plus additional features that are not discussed or suggested by the references relied upon. Therefore, claims 2, 4, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 24-26 and 30 patentably distinguish over the references relied upon for at least the reasons noted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 3, 5 and 6 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4, 13, 21, 23, 27 and 29 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 4, 11-15, 19-27, 29 and 30 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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